are doing a commedable job in the fight against terrorism and that as many as 689 policemen have sacrificed their lives in terrorist violence for upholding the integrity of the Country and security of the State.

Ruling by a WTO panel against India

*52. SHRI VAYALAR RAVI:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has lost a major textile dispute *vis-a-vis* the United States at the World Trade Organisation;

(b) if so, whether the ruling by a WTO panel, upholding the US rules to determine the country of origin of textile and apparel products, could affect India's bid for increased textile exports to the US;

(c) if so, to what extent India has suffered as a result thereof; and

(d) whether India has again appealed against the panel's ruling?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI SYED SHANAWAJ HUSSAIN): (a) to (c) Yes Sir. The panel established by the Dispute Settlement Body (DSB) has decided against India in the case titled "United States-Rules of Origin for Textiles and Apparel Products". The unilateral changes in the US Rules of Origin are applicable from 1996 and, therefore, there are no new effects from the panel ruling. At that time, the changes did affect India's grey cotton fabrics exports to countries such as Sri Lanka which used them for processing and export to US

(d) The Government has decided not to appeal against the DSB panel ruling

Reservations for Economically poor among forward Castes in Government Jobs

*53. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMAD KHAN (DURRU):
SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Rajasthan have decided to give 14 per